RG104 E-1 Box 121

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Penn.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

March 8, 1880.

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In dividing $1000 bags of this coin none were found to be standard; and some varied as much as 75¢ in small silver by test applied. We counted such packages for some days, but finding them invariably correct by count, did not count any more unless they varied from the standard weight of $500 more than a 50¢ piece.

It is therefore quite possible that the shortage did occur in this office in the way suggested above.

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Respectfully,

Hon. A. Linden Sherwood
Superintendent

Cash

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249½

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Penn.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

M. H. Cobb
Cashier

Mch 8/80

Returns with
Explanations
1 Oct. A. dollar
alleged shortage
due "Toledo City
Bank, Toledo,
Iowa."

Rec'd Mch 8/80

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